The customers have a choice as per their specific needs.

E-Readiness Assessment Report

2139. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to India e-Readiness Assessment Report, 2004, Madhya Pradesh is positioned as "Expectant" below 13 States; and

(b) if so, what initiatives have been taken by Government in order to boost e-governance initiatives in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per the India e-Readiness Assessment Report 2004, Madhya Pradesh has been ranked in the category of "Expectant" and above this category there are eleven States as two categories of Leaders and Aspiring Leaders. In the Report, ranking of States in the same category has not been done.

(b) Department of Information Technology (DIT) has taken following major steps to boost e-Governance services in the State of Madhya Pradesh:

(i) DIT through National Informatics Centre (NIC) is providing backbone e-governance network and technical support to the Central Government Departments, States, UTs and District Administrations in the country. In line with this, NIC is also providing e-Governance support to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. Video Conferencing facility has also been provided in all the 48 districts of the State.

(ii) A Scheme for establishment of State Wide Area Networks (SWANs) for providing minimum data connectivity of 2 mbps up to the block level has been approved by Government in March, 2005 with a total outlay of Rs. 3334 crores with Central assistance component of Rs. 2005 crores covering capital and operating expenditure over a period of 5 years. Under this scheme, a proposal from the State of Madhya

Pradesh has also been approved at an outlay of Rs. 58.50 crores.

(iii) Madhya Pradesh has also been provided funds to draw up a road-map for Capacity Building Program under the special scheme on Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to States for National e-Governance Plan (NeGP).

(iv) Government has formulated a proposal for establishing 100,000+ Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Common Services Centres (CSCs predominantly in the rural areas across the country. These CSCs would have the flexibility to offer a mix of services (both Government and non-Government including localized services) that may be needed by the local community.

Role of electronics in automotive sector

2140. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronics is slated to play a key role in the automotive sector;

(b) if so, what is the scope of electronic application in the automotive sector; and

(c) what wold be the electronic component part of the motor vehicle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Considering the current trends, the scope of the application of electronics in automotive sector will be in the following areas:

(i) Engine control,

(ii) Vehicle control,

(iii) Safety, and

(iv) Entertainment/User comfort.

(c) Electronics has been used for fuel injection control, ignition control, engine/motor drive control (as in electric/hybrid electric vehicles), fuel